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To: [Nightingale, Elizabeth](#)
Cc: [Betsy, Betsy](#)
Subject: RE: Alreco - File from state re prior EPA involvement
Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2014 1:32:24 PM

Hi Betsy – beyond what Jeff has already scanned, only a little miscellaneous correspondence dating back to the mid 1970's and a couple of diagrams/maps are left in the file. There is, however, the following removal site file:

MI ALRECO METALS C52N MIN 000 504 648 900 ALRECO DRIVE BENTON HARBOR BERRIEN

The CERCLIS ID and address are distinct from the Screening SI report cover page previously sent to me, but it is in the same municipality and shares a similar name. This particular site has a fairly substantial presence in SDMS.

Hope this helps–

TQ

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 3:30 PM
To: Quesada, Todd
Subject: RE: Alreco - File from state re prior EPA involvement

Hi Todd – Does it look like there is much of anything else in the hard file for that action?

Thanks!

Betsy

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From: Quesada, Todd
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:26 PM
To: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Cc: R5 SRecords
Subject: RE: Alreco - File from state re prior EPA involvement

Hi Betsy –

It appears that we may have an un-scanned hard copy site assessment file in the Records Center:

MICHIGAN STANDARD ALLOYS ALRECO METALS MID 054 753 322 MI SA 1 1 ARTHUR MENDEL RD BENTON HARBOR BERRIEN 49022

With this response, I am cc'ing the Records Center to request that the standard site assessment documents (PA/SI/Executive Summary, etc.) be scanned into SDMS. We'll update you accordingly.

Best-

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Peaceman, Karen; McIntyre, Cheryl; Quesada, Todd
Subject: FW: Alreco - File from state re prior EPA involvement

Looks like we did a site assessment in 1988.

Todd – Would you have any suggestions for locating any other EPA records related to this site assessment? It looks like the called in Michigan Standard Alloys ALRECO Metals Site back then.

Thanks!

Betsy

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Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:41 PM
To: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?

Hi Betsy, scanning through the old files on this site, I see the EPA was involved with it back in 1988. At least a work plan was completed, but it does not appear it was followed up (I don't have a report showing the proposed work was ever done by EPA). Best regards, Mike

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth [bnightingale@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 1:57 PM
To: Baranowski, Michael (DEQ)
Cc: McIntyre, Cheryl; Peaceman, Karen
Subject: Re: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?

Hi Mike- thank you so much for forwarding all of this - I passed it on- we'll let you know if it seems like we need to submit a request to your records center as well - but we really appreciate your help.

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From: Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 1:23 PM
To: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth [<mailto:elizabeth.nightingale@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 8:46 AM
To: Hohm, Janelle (DEQ); Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Cc: McIntyre, Cheryl; Prazman, Karen
Subject: RE: Alreco - Reynolds documentation?

Hi Mike and Janelle,

Does DEQ have any further documentation regarding the involvement of Reynolds Metals Company in this site? We have the summary of what was in the DEQ database about them buying it and refurbishing it in 1982 under the name of ALRECO. Do you happen to have any more info about that or documentation?

Thank you!

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2014 4:15 PM
To: Hohm, Janelle (DEQ); Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Perfect. Thank you!

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From: Hohm, Janelle (DEQ) [<mailto:jch841@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 12:13 PM
To: Nightingale, Elizabeth; Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi Betsy-

I spoke with the Benton Charter Township office. Although the property is in the City of Benton Harbor, I decided to start with the township since I saw the "Benton Charter Township" manhole covers during my site visit.

The site is served by the township drinking water system, although it is located in the city. The township's water intake is from Lake Michigan, and the pipe is a mile and a half from the shore.

The groundwater from the facility likely vents into the Paw Paw River, which is adjacent to the property. I'm not aware of any wells or water intakes that would be affected.

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth [<mailto:elizabeth.nightingale@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 10:04 AM
To: Hohm, Janelle (DEQ); Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi Janelle -- No worries.

If it is relatively easy for you to do that would be great. The main thing I'm trying to determine would be if releases from the site might have the potential to impact the drinking water from wells of anyone that is nearby, and /or the surface water intake for the municipal system.

I have to have a draft plan completed by the end of the day today, so I'd need to know by then, if possible. If you don't have time, it's no problem.

Thank you!

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From: Hohm, Janelle (DEQ) [<mailto:jch841@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Nightingale, Elizabeth; Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Subject: RE: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi Betsy-

Sorry I wasn't able to respond sooner. I had to leave work last Tuesday since my son was ill, then was out in the field and on AL for the last part of the week.

We saw manholes at the site labelled "Benton Charter Township". The site is in the City of Benton Harbor, but is adjacent to Benton Charter Twp. Most of the City is across the river, so it would make sense that the facility is served by the township utilities. I believe the site is served by water and sewer. Do you want me to look into this further?

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From: Nightingale, Elizabeth [<mailto:elizabeth.nightingale@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2014 2:12 PM
To: Hohm, Janelle (DEQ); Baranski, Michael (DEQ)
Subject: Alreco - area on city water?

Hi guys - I am working on writing up a proposed action to address this site, so I keep having questions today - sorry - I can't remember if I asked you this already and can't remember the answer - Janelle - this the area around the site generally on city water, that you know of?

Hope all is well.

Thanks,

Betsy

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From: Hohn, Janelle (DEQ) [<mailto:JCHM@mi.dhs.gov>]
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 4:06 PM
To: Nightingale, Elizabeth
Cc: Sanders, Jerrod (DEQ); Kirk, Audrie (DEQ)
Subject: Ace Co LLC, M5310576.pptx

Hi Betsy-

Thank you for the information you forwarded regarding the Alreco/Ace facility in Boston Harbor. My co-worker Audrie Kirk visited the facility on June 4, 2014, and found that the ash piles are migrating throughout the site. The owner responded to DEQ's Violation Notice, and committed to covering all ash piles with tarps, or other impermeable covers by April 30. He also agreed to install catch basin inserts in all catch basins within vicinity of the ash piles. At the time of Audrie's visit, the ash piles remained uncovered. Only one of the several storm drains in the vicinity of the ash piles contained a storm water insert.

WRD and the other divisions are currently coordinating an follow-up enforcement response.

Please see the attached powerpoint, which documents site conditions. We feel that an immediate response is warranted.

Thanks,

Janelle Hohn